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Sir:

With reference to the filing in the United States Patent and Trademark Office of an application for patent in the name(s) of:

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entitled: SIGNAL-PROCESSING CIRCUIT, AND RECORDING  
AND PLAYBACK APPARATUS EMPLOYING THE SAME

— Small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9(f) is claimed and the amounts shown in parentheses below have been employed.

The following are enclosed:

- Specification  
 31 Claims(s) (including 4 independent claim(s))  
 Preliminary Amendment  
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 72 Sheet(s) of Drawings  
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Basic Fee of \$740 (\$355) .....\$ 740.00  
11 Total Claims in excess of 20 at \$18 (\$9).....\$198.00  
1 Ind. Claims in excess of 3 at \$80 (\$40).....\$ 80.00  
— Fee of \$270 (\$135) for Mult. Dep. Claim.....\$ 0.00  
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— Certified copy of each of the following to substantiate the claim for priority:

<u>Application No.</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>	<u>Country</u>
P2000-351894	November 17, 2000	Japan

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Respectfully submitted,

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